

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-9 are pending in the present application, Claims 1-6 having been amended by the present amendment.

In the outstanding Office Action, Claims 1-9 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Sato (U.S. Pat. No. 6,130,884).

Firstly, Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the courtesy of Examiner Kumar to clarify his position that amending the independent claims to define that a base group includes more than one base station would overcome the presently applied art rejection, as noted on the Interview Summary Sheet. Accordingly, the present amendment amends independent Claims 1-6 to define that a base group includes more than one base station.

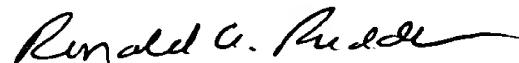
Thus, it is respectfully submitted that independent Claims 1-6 and the claims dependent therefrom patentably define over the applied prior art.

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Consequently, in light of the above discussion and in view of the present amendment, the present application is believed to be in condition for allowance. An early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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